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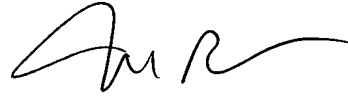
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification. (Refs. 2-3)
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 1-3)
- ☒ 4. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publication have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-3.

- ☒ 5. Ref. 1 corresponds with JP 3203203, which is cited in the specification.

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